

sation and excitement to the dislike at length of the quietness and restraints of home life. These dangers are beginning to be noted and felt so generally, that it would not at all be a matter of surprise should we see, ere long, an effort made by the churches to transfer to two hours on the Saturday—when all our public schools are closed, and when the pastors could do most of the work—the work now done on the Sabbath, so that the Sabbath should be left entirely for *public worship and home instruction*.

To many of our readers the Home school—God's institution as much as the Sabbath and Marriage—calls up the holiest and happiest years of childhood in a picture, more perfect, it may be, than the immortal scene of "Burns' Cottar's Saturday Night." The home school meets without noise or confusion. No distracting sounds or scenes, or frivolous talk, so inevitable in a mixed company of young, disturb the serious thought engendered by the forenoon's public service. The class is but one family, and therefore it is easily kept in order; the teachers are the father and mother, and therefore they know their pupils well, and can suit their teaching to their varied capacities: all the week the scholars are under the eye of their teachers, and therefore the dry lessons may receive many a pungent illustration from the incidents of the preceding week, and solid application in the duties of the following week. And, in all this work, the father who sees, it may be, but little of his children and his Bible, during the work days, learns more than his scholars; he learns to know his Bible better by his efforts to teach; he learns to know his children, and the working of their minds; he learns also to love his children better; and they, too, learn to know and love him; and thus (beautiful ideal) will the parents, in a sense, realize towards their children the mission God claimed for himself towards his children;—"He led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye: as an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him." Go to the eagle, ye parents, consider her ways and be wise.